

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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LAX LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT

On January 10, 2006, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to settle the lawsuit it brought against the City of Los Angeles over the LAX Master Plan. This action was taken in partnership with the cities of El Segundo, Inglewood, Culver City and local community groups who had joined with the County in the lawsuit. The decision to settle was made in light of the City of Los Angeles' agreement to such County-sought plan changes as institution of an effective mechanism to control growth at LAX, rescission of approval of the controversial "yellow light" projects in the original plan, and commitment to a regional solution to airport capacity. In addition, Los Angeles City's agreement to take concrete steps to promote greater use of outlying airports such as Ontario and Palmdale, both owned by Los Angeles World Airports, is a vital element in this settlement.

Palmdale Airport is located in the heart of one of the fastest growing areas of the country. It has a fully-equipped and operational terminal poised for full utilization.

Efforts to promote growth of Palmdale Airport offer a variety of both local and region-wide benefits including relieving congestion at LAX and surrounding

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neighborhoods, providing a convenient and accessible alternative to residents in the Santa Clarita, San Fernando, and Antelope Valleys, our neighboring counties, and would improve our regional air quality by reducing travel. Previous market demand studies have concluded that, with the right operational strategy and appropriate package of initial incentives, an expanded regional service at Palmdale Airport would be very successful. Expanded service at Ontario Airport would also reduce traffic to LAX.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors urge that the City of Los Angeles and any regional, inter-jurisdictional airport authority established consistent with the terms of the LAX lawsuit settlement, seriously examine institution of initial incentives to promote air traffic at Palmdale and Ontario Airports, including such measures as a coordinated allocation of gates between the three Los Angeles World Airports controlled airports; flight guarantees; advance ticket purchase; reduction or elimination of various taxes/fees (for example, gas, landing, parking, and rent); complimentary transportation from the Van Nuys Park-and-Ride to Palmdale Airport; development of a connection between the new Palmdale Transportation Center and the Airport, and subsidization of Airport security and cargo improvements.

I, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors support efforts by Los Angeles World Airports to aggressively seek air carriers for the Palmdale Airport.

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